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Women's World Chess Blitz Championship 2010  
Final, 17 – 18 September 2010, Russia, Moscow, RGSU  
Semi-Final, 15 – 16 September 2010, Russia, Moscow, RGSU  
Continental On-Line Open Qualification Tournaments (Europe, America, Asia/Africa),  
1 – 10 June 2010, [www.playchess.com](http://www.playchess.com)

## **Tournament Regulations**

### **1. Organizers**

#### 1.1.

The Russian State Social University and the Moscow Chess Federation in co-operation with the Russian Chess Federation and under the aegis of FIDE will organize the 2010 Women's World Chess Blitz Championship from September 15 to September 18, 2010 according to the decision of the Presidential Board (January 2010, Turkey).

### **2. Participation**

#### 2.1.

The Women's World Blitz Championship is open to all women players representing their National Chess Federations regardless of their title or rating.

#### 2.2.

Applications have to be sent by the National Federations only.

### **3. Final Format**

#### 3.1.

Final tournament - 16 players

#### 3.2.

The Current Women's World Chess Champion

#### 3.3

The top 6 players in the rating list published on May 1, 2010.

#### 3.4.

6 winners of the Semi-Final

#### 3.5

The winner of the Moscow-open 2010 (women's section)

#### 3.6.

1 wild card by the organizer (by May 1, 2010)

#### 3.7.

1 wild card by the FIDE president (by July 1, 2010)

#### 3.8.

In case someone withdraws or does not participate, from the point 3.3, their rights go to the players rated next in the May 1, 2010 rating list, in other cases (points 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7), their rights go to players from rank 7 and lower of the Semi-Final. In case, the player that got the right according to the rating-list also qualified in the Semi-Final, the first priority criteria of qualification is the rating-list.

#### **4. Semi-Final Format**

4.1.

Semi-Final tournament – 150 participants

4.2.

100 Players representing the Chess Federations and rated at least 2350 points .

4.3.

14 Players who took 2-15 places in the Moscow open 2010 (women's section)

4.4.

5 Players who took 1-5 places in the European On-Line Open Qualification Tournament

4.5.

5 Players who took 1-5 places in the American On-Line Open Qualification Tournament

4.6.

10 Players who took 1-10 places in the Asian//African On-Line Open Qualification Tournament

4.7.

10 Players nominees by the Organizer

4.8.

6 Players nominees by the FIDE President

#### **5. Continental On-Line Open Qualification Tournament Format**

5.1.

All players representing National Chess Federations in their Continents regardless of their title or rating can participate in Qualification Tournament.

5.2.

Number of participants in each Continental On-Line Open Qualification Tournament is set by respective Continental President with the co-operation of Tournament Director of playchess.com

#### **6. System of play and playing schedule**

6.1.

The Final Tournament shall be played as a double round-robin event, 15 rounds on the first day and 15 rounds on the second day (30 games in two days).

Arrival day is September 16. The Opening Ceremony is at 14.00 on September 17. Start of the first round is at 15.00 September 17. The Closing Ceremony is at 20.00 on September 18.

Departure is on September 19.

6.2.

The Semi-Final Tournament shall be played as a Swiss tournament, 13 double rounds (black and white, altogether – 26 games in two days).

Arrival day is September 14. The Opening Ceremony is at 14.00 on September 15. Start of the first round is at 15.00 on September 15. The Closing Ceremony is at 20.00 on September 16.

6.3.

The Continental On-Line Open Qualification Tournaments shall be played as a Swiss tournament, 11 double rounds (black and white, altogether – 22 games in one or two days).

The date of each Continental On-Line Open Qualification Tournament is set by respective Continental President with the co-operation of Tournament Director of playchess.com

Playing period is from June 1 till June 10, 2010.

## **7. Time Control**

7.1.

For all competitions each player will have 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move, starting from move one (G 3'+2").

## **8. Tie-break system**

8.1.

Final Tournament - round robin event

The final standing of players is determined by the number of points scored. If there is a tie, it is broken by

- \* Results between the players involved
- \* Number of wins
- \* Sonneborn-Berger score
- \* Sudden death game 5'-4'

If several players tie for the first place, then the above priorities will be used to determine the first and the second players and the title will be decided in a sudden death game between them. Lots will be drawn before the game, the winner choosing the color of his pieces in this last game. If the game is drawn, the player who has the Black pieces is declared the Women's World Blitz Champion.

8.2.

Priorities for qualifying

The final standing order of players in the preliminary events is determined by the number of points scored. Should two or more players tie for a qualifying place, the tie is resolved by

- \* Median Buchholz system (i.e. Buchholz score without the best and the worst results);
- \* Buchholz system;
- \* Number of wins;
- \* Results between the players involved.
- \* "Sudden death" game 5'-4' (if more than two players - a tournament)

## **9. Chief Arbiter and Appeals Committee**

9.1.

The Chief Arbiter is International Arbiter Eduard Dubov (Russia).

9.2.

The Appeal Committee will be elected before the start of the Semi-Final and new members of Appeal Committee will be elected before the start of the Final.

9.3.

A protest against any decision must be submitted in writing to the Appeal Committee immediately after the game. The protest shall be accompanied by 300 euros, which shall be returnable only if the appeal is accepted.

9.4.

The decision of the Appeal Committee is final.

## **10. Financial Regulations**

10.1.

The traveling expenses of all participants as well as accommodation of the participants of the Semi-Final shall be paid by them or their national federations.

10.2.

The entry fee is 35 euros to participate in The Continental On-Line Open Qualification Tournaments.

10.3.

The entry fee is 200 euros to participate in the Semi-final (included 100 euros to be transferred to FIDE).

10.4.

Board and lodging for the 16 finalists shall be provided by the Organizer (4 days).

10.5.

Board and lodging for the two Players who took second and third place in the Moscow open 2010 (women's section) shall be provided by the Organizer (4 days).

10.6.

Board and lodging and the airfare (up to 300 euros) for the five Players who took first place in each Continental On-Line Open Qualification Tournament shall be provided by the Organizer (4 days).

10.7.

Players who took 4-15 places in the Moscow Open 2010 can participate in the Semi-final without any entrance fee.

## 11. Prizes

11.1.

The Prize fund for the Semi-Final is 13 750 euros.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	2 500 euros
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	2 250 euros
3 <sup>th</sup> place	2 000 euros
4 <sup>th</sup> place	1 750 euros
5 <sup>th</sup> place	1 500 euros
6 <sup>th</sup> place	1 250 euros
7 <sup>th</sup> place	1 000 euros
8 <sup>th</sup> place	750 euros
9 <sup>th</sup> place	500 euros
10 <sup>th</sup> place	250 euros

11.2.

The Prize fund for the Final is 50 000 euros.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	10 000 euros
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	8 000 euros
3 <sup>th</sup> place	6 000 euros

4 <sup>th</sup> place	5000 euros
5 <sup>th</sup> place	4500 euros
6 <sup>th</sup> place	4 000 euros
7 <sup>th</sup> place	3 500 euros
8 <sup>th</sup> place	2 500 euros
9 <sup>th</sup> place	1 500 euros
10-12th places	1 000 euros
13-16 <sup>th</sup> places	500 euros

Prizes are tax-free (i.e. no local taxes will be deducted from the prizes. However the players are responsible for paying taxes in their countries of residence).

11.3.

Medals and Titles

11.4.

In the name of FIDE the Organizer shall award a gold medal to the winner of the title of Women's World Blitz Champion, a silver medal to the player who took the second place and a bronze medal to the player who took the third place.

## **12. Registration and Transportation**

12.1.

Entry forms to the Semi-Final and Final must be sent from the Federations and returned to the Organizing Committee not later than July 1, 2010.

12.2.

The complete registration form must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and data of birth with passport number (for visa purpose) of each player and each accompanying person.

12.3.

The cost of transportation provided by the Organizing Committee from the Moscow airport to the hotel Turist with return on the departure day is 3 000 rubles per person (about \$100).

## **13. Venue-Accommodation**

13.1.

Accommodation and board will be provided at the Hotel Turist\*\*\*. The Playing Hall is the tournament chess hall of the Russian State Social University located at a five minutes walk from the hotel Tourist.

Booking is to be made only through the Organizing Committee (using its full registration and booking form).

Venue: Hotel Turist (3 stars)-Selskhozayistvehhaya Str., 17 (metro "Botanicheski sad").

Prices at the hotel are about 100 euros per day in a single room (see the site: [www.hoteltourist.com](http://www.hoteltourist.com)).

#### **14. Contact the Organizing Committee**

14.1.

Official site: [www.moschess.ru](http://www.moschess.ru)

14.2.

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